

FRANK COOPER  
WRITES LEDGER

ARTICLE THAT RECENTLY APPEAR  
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COUNTY JAIL ATTRACTS  
WIDE ATTENTION—  
READERS ALL INTER-  
ESTED IN MAN  
WHO WANTS  
PRISON SEN.

## Official Vote of Audrain County

**DIG UP FOURTEEN SKELETONS**  
**OF 7-Foot Prehistoric Giants—Chi**  
**cago Man Makes a Valuable**  
**Discovery While Poking**

## CURVE BALL ACCIDENT

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ANOTHER ARTICLE BY

Judge Barnett Has Made no De  
finite Move Yet to Act in Strong  
Case of Man Who Wants to  
Escape Whiskey Curse.

The recent article in the Ledger concerning the arrest of Frank Cooper, an educated negro, who desires a prison sentence so he may be cured of the liquor habit is attracting wide spread interest. Coopers article on drinking contained much that was good and to the points—it was well written and showed him to possess an excellent education.

Below we publish another article by him. He is still in jail awaiting the action of Judge Barnett.

[Written for The Ledger, by Frank Cooper.]

Boys, did you ever stop to think of the important part you are destined to play to-morrow?

The men who are filling all the responsible positions in life today need men with raised hats step down and out, and turn over the affairs to you.

tomorrow. Are you preparing your self to fill the place of our great men of today?

If not it is time that you my dear friend, start doing. For the wheel of time is no respecter of persons, and it befores you to hustle ere its ponderous wheels crush you to earth, and leave you a mere pile of rubbish along the high way of life.

Remember some one of your boys will be called up to resist a change which one of your sons that does not wholly depends upon yourself, and the efforts you make to obtain this great honor. In order to fit your self to take up the various positions of the world, many a man has called on you boys for these are essential qualities that every boy must possess in order to make a success in life.

There are many men today, who are mere drones in this busy world of ours because they failed to possess the qualities that are in the boys. It is the rush that supports in every walk

of life you will find that one must have will and ability to do, and then do it. All things come to the boy who waits, providing he hustles while waiting, so you may my boy wish to erect the position of an honest business man, whether in which you are destined to find.

You will find it worth while to take advantage of every good and noble opportunity, as they present themselves. Be straight forward in your dealing and plays with your playmates, and you will grow up truthful and honest men. Show to a boy who on arising in the morning, and in the morning with a cheery "good morning, mamma," and not ashamed to imprint upon her cheek an affectionate kiss, and I will show you a boy that will make a success in life.

In order to become men, it is not necessary to develop every part of the body, as well as the brain and Physical should be kept in balance every day training. The man with the brain and brawn are the same

of today. All boys that are called bad boys, have bad mothers. There are vast differences between boys and a mere mischievous boy. A boy who has been brought up to be a trouble maker is too intelligent to be too honest. He is too intelligent to be too honest about the harm he is doing or playing all manner of harmless pranks upon his playmates. So mothers call their boys bad, when in fact they are only mischievous — it is so when they are full of life. They are full of a life that is not good, but it is not good because it does not possess these qualities. First, the sober serious feminine boy never amounts to very much, and is never able to do anything that is really nobly too delicate to take any important part in the affairs of men.

Secondly, the boy who is a trouble maker, for such boys are very laughable boys, for such boys are very ways interesting, and their joyful, boisterous laugh fills or should fill on ears with joy and happiness, Sings boys as you grow toward man's estate, and you will find that the boys who laugh and be as merry as possible, for laughing is contagious, and even

The boy who wears a snailshell monogram on his shirt, and who is in the habit of being afraid to put his feet before the others, is not my kind of a boy. Too much feminine about him to be a man of affairs in this busy world. As for the world is growing apocryphal, and those who are in the race to obtain the prize are not the time to waste on such boys as this.

In conclusion let me advise you to have a kind word for anyone who may be a little low down in the social scale as they may be, it is policy to be considerate to every one as we cannot always tell just what old day's fortune has in store for us.

Dr. Carl Pasqueth and Miss Harrison Pasqueth are home from the North.

J. C. Pasqueth and Misses Harrison Pasqueth and Dorothy Holmes are home from a tour of the North.

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Miss Lucy Jesse is home from a visit to Mrs. T. J. Rodhouse in Co-

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Miss Ruby Ritchie gave an informal but enjoyable party yesterday afternoon for her guest, Miss Christine Dick. Miss Dick left last night for St. Louis and Miss Ritchie arranged

played on the Shebina diamond the strong team of that city defeated the Mexico Athletics. Thursday, by a score of 2 to 1. The fielding of both teams was good and the game in every way proved interesting.

Ralph Henderson writes the Ledger, that in the ninth inning when Mexico was

Clemens followed with a clean double down the line which umpire would allow.

Lackland, in second, was called out last baseman caught ball against body and held it there; umpire allowed the out. Several other decisions of such character prevented Mex-

in a good way to score with Willingham on first, the opposing pitcher from scoring several times. Willingham hit up after 5th inn-

A bunking party was thoroughly enjoyed last evening at the home of Mrs. M. B. Gustin, Mrs. Julia J. Gustin, Mrs. M. J. Gustin and Miss M. B. Gustin, the guests of honor. Miss M. B. Gustin being the guest of honor. As is usual on these occasions, sleeping was the last of their thoughts. Conversation and nibbling chocolates made the night hours fly. The following girls are guests of honor: Miss M. B. Gustin, on the dining table, buffet and maitel made an effective decoration. Misses Fry and Hook were still further assisted by Misses Irma Barth and Mary Emmmons who materially aided to the pleasure of the occasion.

Miss Beulah Lloyd, formerly a student at Hardin College, gave a piano recital at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, last week, which met with the most hearty admiration of her large audience. A newspaper comment on the performance says that EMIJO Lloyd performed so well in the large

made a balk and caught him. The umpire refused to call the false move a balk and the opportunity of error was shut off.

Willingham, on short, and Kidd, in the field, played a strong game, the latter assisting in two double plays. Shelby won by bunting his hits in the fifth inning.

2 bats: Sam Dewey; left on bases Mexico 5, Shelbyna 8; struck out by St. Vrain 8; by Threlkeld 9; base on balls off St. Vrain 1; off Threlkeld 3; hit by pitched ball Clemens, Bayies; Threlkeld, E; wild pitch St. Vrain 1

Umpire: J. C. Bates  
 Score: Mexico 8, Threlkeld, T, Threlkeld, B, Bates R; snc. hits Clemens, Lookland; double play Kidd, Willingham, E; and Bayies; Kidd and Lookland. Umpire Bates. Time of game 1:30.

Shelbyna won the second game of the series by a score of 9 to 0. Shelbyna by a score of 9 to 0. The report that reaches this city from the game is to the effect that the umpire dis-

when he saw what he was up against Umpire was off on balk strikes much that "Lack" wanted to know if that were a swinging plate that called a bad one on him.

The following is the score:

	Mexico	AB	R	H	O	A
Daniels, 3rd		4	0	1	2	2
Bayies, 1st		4	0	2	13	1
Clemens, c		3	0	1	1	2
Willingham, E, ss		4	0	0	1	5
Shelbyna		9	0	1	2	0
Willingham, O, p		4	0	1	0	2
Diemer, 1f		4	0	1	2	1
Kidd, 2nd		4	0	2	1	1
Teacher, c, r		3	0	0	3	0
		33	0	9	23	11

	AB	R	H	O	A
Shelbyna		4	0	2	0
Bayies, c		4	0	2	0
Willingham, ss		3	0	2	2
Threlkeld, T, 1f		5	1	1	1
Dewey, c		4	3	3	1
Jewett, E, 1st		2	0	0	0
Threlkeld, R, 3d		4	1	1	2

toys to spread her fame abroad.

Masters Frank Houston and Richard Barth returned yesterday from a visit to Miss Amelia Graham in Moberly.

Miss Miriam Hubbard was the guest of honor at the most delightful affair given last evening by Misses Gertrude Fry and Willie How, at the home of the former. The hostesses introduced Miss Hubbard and Mr. Bruce McIlhenny to their many friends in the front parlor, the four forming a receiving party. Misses Rita Hill and Corinne Barth, at another attractive party in the library, where they dispensed punch. Misses Laura and Stella Robertson were by no means deserted in the dining room, in addition to their own charming selves. Frozen punch and cake formed a second incentive to the sleeping party: Misses Stella Robertson, Nellie Hill, Mary Potts, Lottie Vaughn, Alice Morris, Ruby Ritchie,

granted the locals. The players and management are thoroughly disgusted over the way they have been "jobbed" out of winning.

St. Vrain has left the team and gone to Hannibal where he expects to join the league team of that city. St. Vrain has been one of Manager Saunders' mainstays in his pitching force. He is a heavy man in the box and always pulls the team out of any holes they may get into.

In speaking of the game Mr. Head states in his written report:

In the 7th, Williamson O 1st up drove a hot grounder down 1st base

Bates, P 4 1 0 1 0  
Smith, 2nd 4 1 2 3 4  
Buntin, p 3 1 1 0 4

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Williamham, out, hit by batted ball  
Threikeld, R, out hit by batted ball

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Sheelina 2 0 1 0 0 1 1 4  
Mexico 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Mrs. H. C. Carson, of Marshall visiting relatives in this city.

Some of the chickens are coming home to roost today.

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IT WAS TOUGH ON THE EMPIRE

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History of The Famous Curve Sal  
That is The Life of The Present  
National Game—Orig-  
inated in Game Between  
Washington And  
New York.

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In these days of 'epithalls and th  
other names applied to the various  
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Curious as the opposing teams, it is little known that our very pitching was accidentally discovered by a pitcher while officiating in a game he was pitching on the Washington lot, says the Washington Post. He thought it might be well to remark right here that the umpire, Mr. Mills of the United Club of New York, who was being mistaken for a pitcher, was, as being a pitcher, a right-hander, and he called the batter out on strikes or on balls they declared were wild and wide of the plate. In the year 1864 the famous Excelsior club of New York visited Washington to play a game with the Nationals, and while there were a number of other New Yorkers, who also were present, but who were not so lucky as to be on the trip. While the play was made by the Nationals a proposition of the Nationals' juniors to play a picked team from the visitors and the challenge was accepted.

The game was played in the morning of the day set for the contest be-

During the Senior League, and the Veterans League, the team was made up of players from the Atlantic States and Eckford, many of whom in later years became stars of the teams of Gotham. The most New York sent into the pitcher's box a young man named Arthur Currier, who was slung a ball with a curve that was as good as a curve ball. At the outset of the contest he started in to shoot the cover, but, finding that the junior boys of the Nationals were batting him freely, he changed his strategy. In a tantalizing one, and it was while he was dipping up them "batter" he discovered that the "batter" curved after leaving him.

The discovery was startling, but that night, while seated at dinner at Ward's hotel, he learned that the "batter" was the one who was the pitcher of the Excelsiors, but Brainerd laughed to scorn any such feat

an impossibility. On returning to New York he made public his discovery, but little credence was given to it and it is a matter of history that the first public exhibition of the new method was at the occasion he invited a number of scientific men, prominent newspaper men and a host of players to see the trial, but the failure was so abject that all turned the laugh on Cummings. He claimed that he was anxious to do to much and the he pitched too swift a ball to demonstrate the curve. Then he went to work, anxious to demonstrate his theory, and he did it with such confidence. Cummings began to put together, and after several months of outdoor and indoor work came out in 1860 with a delivery which astonished the baseball and scientific world. He had joined the Stars of Brooklyn and it was his masterful work the box that lifted this young team to the heights of the "champion" ladder and over the top and home plate all over the country.

At [first] Cummings mastered on the "out shoot," but before the first season was over he had begun work on the "inner shoot." During his career as a pitcher he struck out more of batters than any other pitcher who ever filled the position, and he lived to see his discovery adopted wherever his game was played. As has been said, the game in which the curve was discovered was a hard fought one between the pitcher, team of New York and the pitcher, team of Boston, and had it not been for the fact that Cummings used his slow curve ball the third, fourth and fifth innings the local boys would have won. It was the decision on strikes that caused this trouble, for the batsman of the home team could not tell how much the ball could be fairly declared strikes.

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